
Appendix A

Analysis of Scoping Comments

Wildfire Tree Planting– North Fork Project

Three letters specific to the project were received during the scoping period of May 27, 2016 to June 27, 2016. The three letters were analyzed and an analysis code assigned to the comments (see Table 1).

Comment Analysis Codes

- 1: Outside the scope of the proposed action.
- 2: Already decided by law, regulation, Forest Plan, or other higher level of decision.
- 3: Irrelevant to the decision to be made.
- 4: Conjectural and not supported by scientific evidence.
- 5: General comment, suggestion, opinion, or position statement.
- 6: Other agency or partner's consultation, review, advice, recommendation(s), etc.
- 7: Already considered in the proposed action or is standard procedure.
- 8: Will be included in an analysis of effects to the environment.

Codes 1 – 6 are standard codes. Comments assigned to these codes are considered to be non-significant issues. Code 7 was added as a category for those suggestions that are already proposed or for procedures that are routinely done. Code 8 was added as a category for suggestions that will be analyzed for effects to the environment.

Table 1: Comment Analysis

Commenter	Comment	Disposition
Gary Macfarlane Friends of the Clearwater	While [the] proposal seems to fit within a categorical exclusion, we do question the need of the project.	5
	These forests evolved with stand-replacing fire. There is nothing unnatural or even problematic about allowing natural regeneration.	5
	Justifying replanting white pine based upon resistance to disease is odd since it is susceptible to blister rust. Simply put, Douglas fir and even grand fir are more fit.	5
	If you choose to replant, we suggest you use local stock.	5
Mackenzie Case and Jonathan Oppenheimer, Idaho Conservation League	With regards to the... Wildfire Tree Planting-North Fork project we do not have any major concerns.	Thank you for your comment.
	[A]nalysis for each individual project should consider how the project is consistent with various management directions, including but not limited to the Endangered Species Act, Nez Perce and Clearwater National Forest Plans, Clean Water Act and any other relevant laws and agency direction.	7

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Daniel Stewart Idaho Dept. of Env. Quality	Project activities may affect the NP-CW NF's ability to achieve flow based on pollutant allocation reduction associated with Forest land or management activities.	3
	Projects initiated after the establishment of TMDL pollutant load allocations can adversely affect water quality through a reduction in load capacity.	3